Man's Status in Cuba.

IN REAR OF ROBERTS CHEERS FOR BOTH FLAGS

Boers Cut the Railroad Between Brandfort and Smaldeel.

DELAYS SUPPLIES COMING UP

Garrison at Mafeking in Terribly Reduced Circumstances.

CECIL RHODES AT CAPE TOWN

LONDON, May 8.-The following dispatch from Lord Roberts has been received war office

"SMALDEEL, May 7 .- The railway from Brandfort to this place has been considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet river has been hopelessiy damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of rackarock have been laid under the rails. This might have created loss of life, but was fortunately discovered by a West Australian infantryman. Winburg has been occupied by the

High and Brigade." In spite of these wrecked railroads the British advance goes on steadily, Lord Roberts' outposts are apparently about twelve miles north of Smaldeel. General Brabant has joined General Rundle at Thabanchu, whence they are moving forward. The coun

try is all quiet in that direction. A reconnaissance made by Gen. Rundle of the Boers' recent positions at Thabanchu resulted in their being pronounced im-pregnable and their evacuation is reported to have been due to the receipt of an ur-gent message from President Steyn. The oers are said to be moving northward, at their immediate destination is not

The whereabouts of the British cavalry, onder Gen. French, is still a mystery, while Gen. Kelly-Kenny's and Gen. Cherm-ide's divisions are also unaccounted for.

Rebels Are Dismayed. A dispatch from Cape Town, dated today,

not only utterly demoralizing the Boers, but is striking terror into the rebel col-

"The relief of Mafeking is expected at a Cape Town correspondent is slightly

The Cape rown correspondent is saignty optimistic as regards Mafeking, judging from the direct dispatches, the British forces south of Mafeking are still nearly 200 miles from their objective, while the latest advices from Mafeking itself, dated April 29, show little amelioration in the

conditions there.

The dispatches say:

"With the exception of a little rifle fire at the outlying trenches exerything is quiet. The slight epidemic of typhoid is abating as the result of the medical precautions. The enemy's artillery, with the exception of two five-pounders, has apparently been withdrawn.

"It was learned April 24 that the enemy intended to attack and the entire garrison stood to its arms. When day broke Col. Baden-Powell took up a position on lookout, and the heavy rattle of musketry and the boom of four guns convinced us that an attack was about to occur. But it became apparent that the Boer officers

ome to close quarters.
"The native distress has been alleviated, many of them slipping through the lines.
"The men of the garrison forego their sugar ration for the benefit of the women "After the bombardment April 24 all was

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Col. Baden-Powell sent a message to Lord Roberts, saying:

"'After two hundred days of siege, I de-sire to bring to your lordship's notice the exceptionally good spirit of loyalty which pervades all classes of the garrison, and the patience of everybody at Mafeking in making the best of things under the long smain of anxiety, hardship and privations, which is beyond all praise and a revelation

The men, half of whom are not accusto the use of arms, have adapted yes to their duties with the greatest d readiness. The pluck and devotion of the women have been remarkable. With such spirits our organization runs like clockwork. I have every hope it will pull us through."

Mr. Cecil Rhodes arrived at Cape Town without any demonstration being made. He goes to Belra, Portuguese East Africa, and thence to Rhodesia, probably visiting General Sir Frederick Carrington. It is announced that no more Boer pris-

oners will be sent to St. Helena.

A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marques says the colored American citizen named Richards, who was committed for trial by the special court on the charge of murder in connection with the explosion at Begbie's works, is alleged to have said he was of-fered 25,000 to hlow up the foundry. The same dispatch says that when Presi-dent Kruger heard of the explosion he dramatically exclaimed. "Is there a God:

Automobile Exposition at Nuremberg. There will be held in the city of Nuremberg. Germany, from June 1 to July 1, a

general automobile exposition. It will not be very large, the ground to be covered having an area of but one acre, and prizes will not be awarded; but it will neverthe less be very interesting, in showing what German automobile manufacturers have

All kinds of automobiles will be exhibited, viz., private carriages, freight cars, vehicles for transporting prisoners, for sanitary and military purposes, fire brigade, fire en-

The machines will not only be shown in ne exposition grounds, but also in the city, aces to the neighboring cities of Wurz-urg, Kissingen, Bamberg, etc., will take

place.
Austria has sent some automotiles to this exposition. France, desgium and England, renowned for their progress in the automobile industry, could not be induced to take part in it, as they were too much engaged

Major Charles F. Powell, Corps of Engineers, in charge of river and harbor im-provements in West Virginia, has made a report to the War Department recommend-ing the annuliment of the contract with Mr. McDonaid for the construction of locks and dams on the Monongahela river beand dams on the Monongahela river be-cause of his failure to comply with the requirements of his contract. Mr. Mc-Donald is under \$000,000 bond for the exe-cution of his contract with the govern-ment. Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, said today that no action had yet been taken upon the recommendation of Major Powell, and that he did not care to even intimate what is likely to be done by the War De-partment.

From Cape Nome in Two Months As indicating that the mail routes in Alaska are practicable and that the car-riers there are giving prompt service, it is said at the Post Office Department that a letter mailed at CapesNome February 10 reached the following points on the dates ramed: Circle City, April 1; Dawson, April 1; Seattle, April 29; and Washington, D. C., May 5. Prior to this season it has been impossible to get mail from these northern points after December 1.

Will Probably Dine Gov. Roosevelt. It is probable that President McKinley will give a dinner in honor of Governor sevelt some time during the governor's it to Washington. The matter has not a finally decided.

METHODISTS OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA IN UNISON.

Strong Sentiment for a United North and South Also Manifested

CHICAGO, May 8.—At the official recep-don to the Methodist Episcopal general conerence fraternal delegates in Studebaker union jack and the stars and stripes, sym bolizing a unity of feeling of Methodists in America and in England. In its wake came louder cheers on the sentiment of a reunited north and south, within the confines of the

United States.

The first cheers were called forth by the address of Rev. W. J. Hunter of Toronto, Canada, who referred to the two flags as the emblems of the two great powers of the future. The second volley was given by hundreds of Methodists, who rose to their eet to applaud the declarations of Dr. E. E.

feet to applaud the declarations of Dr. E. E. Hass of Nashville, Tenn., editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate.
Bishop Andrews presided and Dr. Hard led the devotional exercises. Dr. Hunter was introduced by Dr. C. W. Millard of New York, who prophecied continental Methodism in the twentieth century. Delegates were present from England, Ireland, Canada and the church south and north.
The elections in the Methodist Episcopal conference will begin next Monday. The committee on the state of the church fixed May 14 as the day for the first nominations.

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The time-honored routine, bishops first, editors second, and so on, to the smaller offices, will be followed. The committee also fixed May 29 as the date of the adjournment of the conference.

A subcommittee of fifteen has been provided, to which all memorials or petitions relating to amusements shall be referred. The matter of suggesting action on the proposal to remove the five-year time limit on pastors has been placed in the hands of a subcommittee by the general committee on timerancy. This committee consists of Rev. J. J. Bentley, chairman, and an equal number of laymen and clergymen. At its rev. J. J. Bentley, chairman, and an equal number of laymen and clergymen. At its initial meeting last night the subcommittee heard thirteen memorials on the time limit question. Eight of these favored the un-conditional removal of the limit; two, the conditional removal of the limit, and three opposed its removal. The committee took no action, and will hold another meeting tonight.

no action, and was something to sight.

Dr. C. J. Little, a member of the committee, said it was evident that there was an element of strength on each side and it was impossible for the committee to forecast which side would prove the stronger. Other members of the committee were similarly accessivative.

BARKER AND DONNELLY

This is Present Sentiment Among Mid-Road Populists.

CINCINNATI, Ohlo, May 8 .- Delegates to the national convention of the middle-ofthe-road populists, which will open in this city Wednesday afternoon, began today to wear a business air.

Wharton Barker of Pennsylvania and Ignatius Donnelly of Minnesota are both on the ground, making their headquarters at the Dennison Hotel. The Texas delegation of over fifty men arrived today, and this gives rise to predictions on the part of J. A. Parker, secretary of the national committee, that no less than 600 delegates will be in their seats when Chairman Deaver calls for order at 2:30 tomorrow after-

Little was heard today regarding the plan on the part of some of the Minnesota delegation to promote Mr. Donnelly for the presidential nominee. That such a plan had been made was not denied by any one, but the general feeling seems to be that the initiative and referendum ticket of Barker and Donnelly, selected two years ago in this city, should be ratified now. Absolutely nothing was heard of the plan to fose with the social democrats and indorse E. V. Debs. Little was heard today regarding the

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Regarding the platform declarations, no definite lines have been mapped out, but it is believed that the Omaha platform will be practically verbatim, with a few additional planks on the new issues. Wharton Barker said today that he is opposed to territorial expansion, but is in favor of trade expansion of the most pronounced type.

NON-UNION MEN ASSAULTED.

Culmination of the Miners' Troubles Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 8 .- The expected clash between the miners who yesterday determined to break the Georges creek strike and return to work and the organization occurred this morning. Only about forty men out of the 1,500 that had determined to work got into the mines, and they arrived at Klondike and Ocean, before the union men could form their cordons

about the mine opening.

At Ocean mine No. 1 John Davidson, who persisted in going to work, was knocked down and brutally beaten. Several ribs were kicked into his lungs and his condi-tion is critical. William Kenny was thrown into the creek and internally hurt, while Robt. Moses, in attempting to push through Robt. Moses, in attempting to push through a line of men, was huried over an embankment and made unconscious. Organizer Wm. Warner of Pittsburg is making flery harangues at all mines from a buggy, urging the men to hold out. At Lonaconing, the hotbed of organization, where the break in the strike occurred, the streets have been filled a howling, excited mass all night and day. Sheriff Martin and deputies have gone to the mines to protect the men. It is stated this afternoon that the operators will ask for the militia to protect their men and property.

property.

The organization is holding meetings at Midland and Eckhart this afternoon, and a high state of excitement that forbodes serious' trouble prevails throughout the

JUDGE LOCHREN'S DECISION.

Regarded at the War Department as a

Mere Obiter Dietum. The officials of the War Department do not see how Judge Lochren's recent de-cision relative to the Constitution and Porto Rico will require any change of policy on their part. Had Judge Lochren released Ortiz, whose case brought forth the judge's views respecting the extension of the Constitution to Porto Rico without doubt the authorities would have taken immediate steps to appeal the case to a superior tribunal. But as it is the judge's state-ments relative to Porto Rico are regarded as mere oblter dictum, and consequently not binding in any manner upon the admin-istration.

SHIPWRECKED MEN RESCUED.

The Steamer El Paso Picked Them Up. PHILADELPHIA, May 8.-A dispatch to his city from New Orleans reports the arrival there of the steamer El Paso from New York with the second officer and fourteen of the crew of the steamer Virginia, which went to pieces on Diamond Shoals, Va., several days ago. The dispatch does but says they were taken from a leaking

Searched Two Days in Vain.

The revenue cutter service has received a ter Onondaga, saying that he has searched two days and learned nothing of the lost boat's crew of the freight steamer Virginia, which was wrecked and lost off Diamond Shoals. There were fifteen men in the boat, and it is pretty certain that they were lost.

Decision as to Mixed Liquors. Commissioner Wilson of the internal rev-

enue bureau has decided that a retail Hquor dealer who mixes whisky, sugar and water, and puts the same in jugs and bottles, keep-ing it in stock in that form, and selling it when called for as other liquors in stock, or who reduces whisky by mixing water, and restores the color by the addition of black-berry juice, is a rectifier.

The decision will be of great general inter-est to all liquor dealers.

ON THE NAVAL BILL NEELY DENIES GUILT MEMORIAL BRIDGE ZION GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCE AND TRADE

THE NUMBER ON SHORE DUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL'S STATEMENT TO BEGIN THE CONSTRUCTION

It is Claimed That It is in Excess No Definite News Regarding the Proposed Purchase of Former Corof What It Should Be.

A bunch of beautiful roses adorned the desk of Mr. Mallory (Fla.) at the opening of today's session of the Senate. Mr. Mal-lory has been ill during almost the entire session, and has just returned to his duties in the chamber.

The chaplain in his invocation made a ouching reference to the bereavement of Mr. Culberson (Tex.) by the death of h-s distinguished father.

A bill reported by Mr. Allison from the finance committee to reimburse various revenue collectors for internal revenue stamps charged against them but not accounted for, aggregating in amount \$8,573, was passed. The districts and amounts are as follows: Terre Haute, Ind., \$296; Burlington, Iowa, \$2,000; Boston, Mass., \$1,053; St. Paul, Minn., \$350; New York city (second district), \$1,256; New York city (third district), \$188; Chillicothe, Ohio, \$1,408; Cleve-land, Ohio, \$950; Pittsburg, Pa., \$970; Bir-

land, Ohio, \$950; Pittsburg, Pa., \$970; Birmingham, Ala., \$100.

Mr. Stewart presented a concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of War to have made a survey of the Colorado river from Eldorado Canon to the town of Riorville. It was passed.

A resolution offered by Mr. Thurston (Neb.) calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for information as to the financial affairs of the Santee Sloux Indians of Nebraska also was passed.

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Consideration was then resumed of the naval appropriation bill, the pending ques-tion being the committee's amendment, striking out the paragraphs in the House bill relating to naval cadets and inserting the following: "Whenever any naval cadet shall have finished four years of his under-graduate course of six years the succeeding appointment may be made from his con-gressional district or at large in accordance with existing law."

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Mr. Foraker (Ohio) vigorously opposed the amendment to strike out the House provision. He felt that it was an injustice to the cades to wait two years after graduation before they received their commissions. In answer to a question by Mr. Lindsay Mr. Foraker said the navy now was short of officers. He believed that they ought to be given their commissions when they were sent to sea after graduation.

'Mr. Hale, in charge of the bill, said there were enough officers to man the vessels of the navy, if so many of them were not engaged in shore duty.

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Mr. Lodge believed it would be unwise to reject the committee's amendment. He thought it would insure a steady and permanent enlargement of the complement of naval officers.

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Mr. Caffery (La.) strongly opposed the amendment, declaring there was now a shortage of 697 officers in the navy.

Mr. Tillman, a member of the naval committee, supported the amendment. He pointed out the immense responsibility devolving upon naval officers in the care at sea of great battle ships and cruisers, and he did not approve of sending to sea "greenhorns" in charge of property worth mil-

horns" in charge of property worth mil-lions of dollars. lions of dollars.

Mr. Foraker asked if the naval affairs committee did not know that every naval officer who had spoken on the matter, the board of visitors to the academy and the superintendent of the academy were in favor of the abolition of the last two years of sea service.

Mr. Tillman said he was here to do his duty as he saw it, and not in accordance with the suggestions or opinions of naval officers.

officers. Mr. Chandler presented an extended ar-Mr. Chandler presented an extended argument in support of the committee amendment. He said Congress must expect that the advice received from the Navy Department would be in the direction of agrandizement, in the direction of an increase of ships, of officers and of men. He was convinced, he said, that the six years' course ought not to be abandoned, for, if it were, ought not to be abandoned, for, if it were, as years progressed a greater number of inferior officers would creep into the navy. In a characteristic speech, Mr. Tillman arraigned the Navy Department for having so many officers on shore duty, who, he declared, were doing little but drawing their salaries.

Mr. Hale denied a proposition which had been advanced by Mr. Foraker that the cadets performed the duties on their two years' cruise of junior commissioned officers.

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Under a special order made last week the House devoted today to the consideration of business from the committee or claims. Before the regular order was called Mr. Dalzell (Pa.) brought forward the report of the ways and means committee recommending that the Tawney resolu tions calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the amount and character of the material used in the manufacture of oleomargarine, as shown by the records in

· Mr. Tawney (Minn.) and Mr. Dolliver (Iowa) signed a minority report in favor of the adoption of the resolution. Fifteen minutes for debate were allowed on each

aide.

The House by a vote of 82 to 136 refused to lay the resolution on the table.

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The House, under the special order, then went into committee of the whole and entered upon the consideration of business reported from the committee on claims.

The first bill on the calendar was the old bill for the relief of the shipbuilding firm of Wm. Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia; but by unanimous consent it was passed for this session, and the next bill, to pay Franklin Lee and Charles F. Dunbar of Buffalo \$12,200 for extra work done at Ashtabula harbor. Ohio, was taken up.

The bill was favorably acted upon by the committee. The committee along the Union Iron works of San Francisco \$2,828, being the amount withheld from the contract price of the monitor Monterey for her failure to develop the speed called for by her contract.

MAY ADJOURN EARLY IN JUNE.

Apparently there is nothing likely to pre-vent an early adjournment of Congress, unless the few men in the Senate who show a disposition to make a fight for Mr. Clark, ndeavor to delay action on the Clark case

with the hope of sending it over until the

next session. If a determined effort is made to prevent

If a determined effort is made to prevent action on that case it may prolong the session. Otherwise an adjournment very early in June is pretty well assured.

It is the determination, not of the republicans alone, but of senators of both parties, that the Clark case shall be disposed of before adjournment.

A failure to take action in a matter of this sort would be felt by very many senators, if not by nearly all in the body, to be a reproach upon the Senate.

Aside from the possibilities in this case, the program for the rest of the session promises to be very simple.

A caucus is expected to be held to consider the perplexing question of whether or not the Nicaragua canal bill and the shipping bill are to be pressed, but it is very generally understood that the decision will be against pressing either at this session.

generally understood that the decision will be against pressing either at this session. The probability is that the Clark case, the Philippine resolution and the appropriation bills will be all the matters of importance disposed of during the rest of this ses-sion.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Duvall, attorney for the District of Columbia, the Court of Appeals today allowed an appeal to the Su-preme Court of the United States from its judgment in the recently decided street ex-tension case.

Senate Discusses the Need of More Post Office Official Under Charges Mr. Daniel Will Propose an Appropriation

Chief Post Office Inspector W. E. Cochran returned to the city today from Roches er, N. Y., where he went to get C. W. Neely, the treasurer of the department of posts for Cuba, who has been charged with embezziement. Inspector Cochran said he found Mr. Neely in charge of the police in Rochester. The post office inspectors had been acting since Saturday under the direction of the War Department, with the approval of the Postmaster General. He said this to explain the connection of the Post Office Department with the mat-

ter, since it is well known the department of posts for Cuba is a separate institution under the direct charge of the War De partment, although the Post Office Department exercises a sort of supervision. Mr. Cochran said he found in Mr. Neely one of the most pleasant men he had ever me and as much unlike a guilty man as it was made no pretense at concealment. He had registered at the Waldorf-Astoria

He had registered at the Waldorf-Astoria under his own name and gave his name on the transport from Cuba which arrived in this country April 28. It was known at least three weeks before he sailed from Havana that he would sail on a certain date and on a certain ship, and he had notified the Post Office Department that he would be at the Waldorf Hotel in New York at a certain time, and that if his services were needed in Washington he would come here.

Neelly Benjag Belly Coultry

Neely Denies Being Guilty. In conversation with the accused Mr. Cochran said he denied being guilty, and said the matter would be entirely cleared up in a little while; that his accounts had all been inspected and approved about a month ago. He seemed to take his arrest

philosophically, and 'accompanied the inspectors to New York willingly. The police of Rochester in searching the person of Mr. Neely found \$6,217 in cash and two checks drawn to his own order for \$114 each.

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There were no papers, so far as he knew, on his person which would in any way connect him with the alleged embezzlement. Inspector Cochran said that the ball had been fixed at \$10,000 and afterward raised to \$20,000. The prisoner promptly furnished ball in the form of two \$10,000 bills, and he is new free. When asked if the Post Office Department was pursuing an investigation he said that so far as he knew it was not; that the department of posts of Cuba under Gen. Rathbone had an entirely different system of inspection, and as far as he knew, was competent to investigate any such case.

Postmaster General Smith discussed the matter briefly with a representative of The Star today. He said that he had a general knowledge of the matter, but as yet there were no proofs, so far as he knew, of the guilt of Mr. Neely; that the Post Office Department was in cable communication with Gen. Rathbone and that a thorough investigation of the affairs of Cuba would undoubtedly follow.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath told a reporter of The Star this morning that he knew Mr.†Neely and had always regarded him as an honest and capable man. He never had any business dealings

regarded him as an honest and capable man. He never had any business dealings man. He never had any outsiness dealings with him directly on indirectly. This statement recalled to Mr. Heath a special dispatch, published in a morning paper, connecting by inference his name with the Neely Publishing Company. Asked by a reporter of The Star for any comment he had to make upon this subject the general dictated the following statement:

Mr. Heath Denies a Statement

"I see a statement published from Muncie, Ind., this morning to the effect that I am a stockholder in a newspaper there formerly owned by Charles F. W. Neely, and insinuating that in some way it may be connected with a job printing establishment in which Neely was or may now be interested. I am not now, nor have I been within twenty years, a stockholder in any printing establishment in Muncie. Two of my brothers are stockholders in a corporation which three or four years ago pur-chased a newspaper of Neely, but that property is in no way connected with the Neely job printing establishment. They are located three or four hundred yards apart, and have no connection, not even the mo-

and have no connection, not even the most remote.

"The newspaper company in which my brothers are interested does not do job printing of any character. I know nothing of Neely's business whatever, and my brother, who is directly interested in the newspaper property at Muncle, says he has had no business connection with him, and knows nothing about the printing done at Neely's establishment. I do not know who runs the Neely office, or whether Neely has now any connection with any printing office at any place. Neither do I know anything whatever about the printing of supplies for at any piace. Neither do I know anything whatever about the printing of supplies for the Cuban postal service. Personally, I have never had any business transaction with Neely, nor do I know anything about his official transactions. They are now and always have been under the direction of the director general of posts for Cuba, who is responsible for all printing for the island."

War Department's Views.

Secretary Root says that he has no in ormation in regard to the alleged postal frauds in Havana beyond what has been published in the newspapers. The matter was investigated by Col. Burton of the in-spector general's department by direction of Gen. Wood and the order for the arrest f Mr. Neely, chief financial agent of the United States postal department in Cuba, was based on a brief telegraphic report from Col. Burton.

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He gave no details of the alleged fraudulent transactions, and said that he would come to Washington and give the complete results of his investigation to the authorities. He left Havana on the transport Buford Sunday night, and is expected to arrive at Fort Monroe in a day or two. Secretary Root said that he had no information of prospective arrests of other persons in connection with the matter, but said that he did not expect to learn all the details until Col. Burton's arrival in Washington.

So far as he knew no person connected with the military, establishment was involved in the alleged frauds, which are said to have been confined entirely to postal officials. The question of the prosecution of the offenders, has been referred to the Department of Justice, and the matter formed a topic of discussion of the cabinet meeting today.

Discussed by the Cabinet.

The cabinet had little business today and spent the better part of an hour talking over the alleged defalcation of Charles F. W. Neeley, former treasurer of the Post Office Department in Cuba. Secretary Root reported the facts to the cabinet and he and Postmaster General Smith gave all the information in their possession. Secretary Root stated that Colonel Burton left Cuba Sunday night on the transport Ingalis, and is expected here in a few days to report the details of the matter. He also brings with him extradition papers for the return of Neeley. Neeley is in New York now under bond. He was arrested at Rochester Saturday.

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The question of most interest before the cabinet was whether the defalcation was against the United States or Cuba, and therefore whether-legal impediments could be placed in the way of the extradition and trial of the alleged criminal. The opinion was that as the United States is the trustee for Cuba, the crime was committed against this country and that Neeley could be sent back to Cuba and tried there. The bellef is that Gov. Roosevelt will hohor a requisition for the return of Neeley. The government will proceed against the bondsmen of Neeley to recover as much of the shortage as possible and will return it to Cuba.

THE READING OF EPISCOPAL AD-

DRESS COMPLETED TODAY.

for Election of One Bishop-

Twentieth Century Fund.

The seventh day's session of the Zion

general conference was called to order by Bishop I. C. Clinton of the South Carolina

conference, comprising the fifth Episcopal

district. Yesterday's session was taken up

address. Bishop C. R. Harris of the fourth

district was the presiding officer. The reading of the address was concluded this

Bishop Hood, in his part of the address,

recommended that the time of service for

which met with general approval.

minister in the pastorate be removed,

The address made touching reference to

those not here who were members of the

ast general conference and especially to

Bishop John Holliday, who was elected at

Election of Bishop.

The session today is a very stormy one,

nade so by a discussion of the report from

the committee on episcopal matters, which

A minority report called for the election of two or more bishops. The recommendations of the bishops were

as follows: That one bishop be elected; that the special assessment of 30 cents be rat-

ified; that the general steward be required

the divergence of the church, and that he be allowed a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and that he communicate monthly with all the pastors; that after two years the annual conference stewards be discontinued, and during the two years that they be allowed 1 per cent of the cash which passes them.

THE SHARKEY-CHOYNSKI BOUT.

Both Men in Fine Condition - Little

Betting on Result. CHICAGO, May 8.—Tom Sharkey will undertake to defeat Joe Choynski at Tat-

nen will go into the ring in nearly perfec

There is very little betting on the fight

but the interest is keen. Several small

sums at even money were laid on the prop-

osition that Choynski could not last the

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE ROBERTS.

London War Office Stirred Up by News From the Cape.

LONDON, May 8.-The Standard hears

that information has been officially received

of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts, that

the latter has been warned, and that tel-

egrams are now passing between the Cape

authorities, Lord Roberts and the home au-

THREE AMERICANS KILLED.

Rebels Attack Detachment of 44th Infantry at Barotac.

MANILA, May 8.-A force of rebels, May

2, attacked twenty men of Company I of the 44th Regiment, stationed at Barotac,

Ilollo province, on the Island of Panay. Three of the Americans were killed and seven were wounded.

Frank C. Wachter Renominated. BALTIMORE, May 8.—The republicans of he third congressional district have renominated, by acclamation, Frank C. Wachter. Resolutions indorsed the "able,

wise and patriotic course of President Mc-Kinley." George R. Heffner and Wm. F. Airey were chosen delegates to the national convention.

Major Sharp's Assignment.

Major Alfred C. Sharp, inspector general,

United States volunteers, has been assigned

to duty as inspector general in the Depart-ment of Porto Rico.

Government Bonds.

Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets.

Asked.

Low. 9.68 9.47 9.29 8.26

2 per cents, registered.
3 per cents, registered, 1908-1928.
3 per cents, coupon, 1908-1928.
4 per cents, registered, 1907.
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CLAIMS IN THE HOUSE PERRY HEATH EXPLAINS THE DISTRICT IN CONGRESS

Mr. Daniel today gave notice in the Sen ate of an amendment which he will propose to the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000 to enable the Secretary of War to commence the construction of a memorial bridge from the most conlast general conference and especially to Bishop John Holliday, who was elected at the last conference in Mobile, in 1896, and who died in March, 1899.

The address pointed with pride to the equipment of the publication house at Charlotte, N. C., where all the publications of the church are printed.

The educational department and its schools were discussed at length, but more detailed report was left to the presidents and principals of the respective schools. However, because of a special committee representing the board of bishops, which visited Livingstone College at Salisbury, N. C.—the chief institution—the address commended the work of the institution, spoke of the industrial department especially, and recommended first the expenditure of \$500 for the further accommodation of the students and the better equipment of the theological department.

The report indorses the twentieth century movement by calling for a donation of \$100,000 from the membership. Then followed an earnest appeal for a "greater revival effort."

It remained for the address to touch upon the state of the country and the condition of the negro to bring forth the most enthusiastic applause. After reviewing the progress of the race and deprecating the barriers and persecutions heaped upon it, the address asserts: "We are not blind to the facts that there is room for improvement which needs to be made and can only be made by ourselves and among ourselves."

Election of Bishop. grounds, or from some point adjacent thereto, across the Potomac river to the most convenient point of the Arlington estate property, according to the recommendations of the board of officers of the corps of engineers and of architects, approved by the Secretary of War and the chief of engineers of the army, as set forth in House document 578 of the present Congress. This plan and illustrations of the proposed bridge have been published in The Star.

To Buy Former Corcoran Gallery In the Senate today Mr. Money for Mr. Warren gave notice of an amendment, which it is proposed to offer to the sundry civil appropriation bill, appropriating \$332, 500 for the purchase of the property known as the former Corcoran Art Gallery, and

as the former Corcoran Art Gailery, and located at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 17th street.

The property contains 17.733 square feet of land and fronts 106 feet on Pennsylvania avenue and 160 feet on 17th street northwest. It is provided that this property is to be used by the Court of Claims or for such other purpose as may be determined.

Disposal of Dead Bodies.

Mr. Pritchard today introduced a bill in the Senate relating to the disposal of dead in the District of Columbia. It provides that the professors of anatomy and of surgery and the demonstrators of and or surgery and the demonstrators of anatomy of the medical and dental schools and colleges of the District of Columbia, together with the health officer, be con-stituted a board for the control and dis-tribution to such colleges and schools of certain dead human bodies.

This board is to be notified of dead human bodies to be builed at multic expense to be

bodies to be buried at public expense to be delivered to the medical and dental schools delivered to the medical and dental schools and colleges, but*no such notice shall be given if any kindred or near relative claim it for burial or if the body be that of a traveler who died suddenly. Before such delivery notice is to be given the relatives or friends of the deceased, if known, and if none such are known the death of the deceased shall be published at least once in a daily newspaper in this city. The bodies to be so disposed of are to be delivered to the schools and colleges in proportion to the number of students in each.

A bill providing for leaves of absence to certain employes of the government was today introduced in the Senate by Mr. Elkins and referred to the committee on naval affairs. It provides that every employe of the navy yards, gun factories and naval stations of the United States be granted fifteen working days, leave of absence each year with pay.

Payment of Taxes. A bill for the regulation of the collection of taxes in the District of Columbia was

introduced in the Senate today by Mr. Pritchard. It is similar to a bill lately introduced in the house and provides that beginning with the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1900, the whole tax on real estate and personal property in the District of Columbia shall be due and payable in May of each year. Site for Hall of Records. A site for a hall of records in this city is provided for in a bill introduced in the Senate today by Mr. Elkins. A similar bill

Mr. Bromwell, and it provides for the pur-chase as a site for a hall of records of square 199, bounded by G and 17th streets, the Winder building preperty and an alley, the latter being on the west line of the proposed site. For this purpose the bill ap-propriate \$243 000

was introduced in the House January 29 by

DENIED MAKING THREATS.

Apprehended Military Controvers Will Probably Not Materialize. The threatened sensational controversy between General Miles, commanding general of the army, and General Buffington, chief of ordnance, will probably not materialize. Dispatches published this morning to the effect that General Buffington had threatened to make sensational disclosures affecting General Miles in his annual report, and that the matter might lead

nual report, and that the matter might lead to court-martial, appear to have very much overstated the situation.

General Miles, not being informed about the matter further than what he could infer from the newspaper dispatches, had nothing to say on the subject this morning.

Coneral Buffington on having his attention called to the publication said that there was no quarrel between him and there was no quarrel between him and General Miles, and that he had not made

any threat.

He said that it was manifestly improper for him to make threats against a brother officer, be he a superior or an inferior in rank; that he had always been very caurank; that he had always been very cautious about talking on any subject relating to his official duties, where it would lead to publication in the press, and he had certainly made no threats on this occasion, nor had he foreshadowed any disclosure of a sensational character nor intimated a court-martial. In reference to official communications that had been made public which seemed to him might do injustice to the ordnance department, he had said that in his annual report he hoped to lay before the public all the official information with reference to the operations of the ordnance department, so that the formation with reference to the operations of the ordnance department, so that the whole story might be fully understood and complete justice done. He said that he thought that the records of the ordnance department would be a complete defense against the criticisms which it had been subjected to, and that he intended to go into the question of smokeless powder, rifies, gun carriages and all those matters which had been under discussion and to make a complete defense. He had not, however, he said, promised any sensational disclosures nor made any threats against Gen. Miles or any one else,

"You will hardly read the report on ordnance," he said, "for sensational matter, and as for any intimation that disclosures that will lead to court-martial being threatend, you may give that a black eye. There is nothing of the sort. If there is a difference of opinion in official matter I endeavor to sustain my position by the recepta, but there are no quarrels nor threatened sensations."

TANNER FACTION DEFEATED.

Mr. Dawes Made Temporary Chairman at Peoria, Ill. PEORIA, Ill., May 8.-The result of th vote on temporary chairman in the con-vention here today was a victory for the anti-Tanner faction, Dawes getting 793 votes and Brown 720.

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Profonged cheers greeted the result. Chairman Dawes was introduced and addressed the convention.

He discussed trusts, declaring the question a political one. The only difference between parties on this subject, he said, would be as to the motive of the remedy. Laws should be passed to protect the public against extortion and unjust discrimination.

Today's Presidential Nominations The following nominations were sent to the Senate today: First-class Sergt. John Kennedy, Signal Corps, U. S. A., to be signal officer, U. S. V., with the rank of second lieutenant. James H. Throop, to be postmaster at Norwich, N. Y.; Henry F. Whittenhall, to be postmaster at Greene, N. Y.

Outs-July 28 22%
CHICAGO, May 8.—Provisions:
Open. High.
Pork-July 11.50 11.65
Lard-July 6.70 6.77
Sept. 6.70 6.77
Ribs-July 6.45 6.55
Sept. 6.45 6.55
NEW YORK, May 8.—Outton:
Open. High.
May. 9.64 9.66
July. 9.46 9.69
July. 9.45 9.49
August. 9.29 9.31
October. 8.27 8.29

Bears Had It All Their Own Way in Stocks. Animated Discussion of Proposition

LONG HOLDINGS THROWN OVER

Entire List, Led by the Industrials,

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Showed Losses.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star

NEW YORK, May 8 .- The duliness of the last few days gave way this morning to actual liquidation of long stock. London had few buying orders and the local business was at the low ebb which has characterized the month's dealings. The various pools were discouraged by the failure to arouse public interest and considerable stock was thrown over in consequence. Traders offered prices down in order to force the liquidation, and some came to the support of prices at the low level.

There was no news to force the selling beyond the prospect of another loss of per-haps \$3,000,000 gold during the week. This outflow was expected, and would not, under ordinary circumstances, have forced much liquidation. Holders of speculative stock have simply been tired out, and have have simply been tired out, and have grown nervous over fears of a general decline under the leadership of the over-capitalized industrials.

The Steel stocks sold down still lower today, and the notices of resumptions at cer-tain plants failed to stay the downward tendency.

American Sugar held well during the first

hour's decline, but later lost about 3 per cent. The entire industrial list yielded in sympathy with the decline in the last-named shares.

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The railroad list was quite as much disturbed as the industrial department, owing to the general selling by commission houses. This selling carried the Pacific shares, the Grangers, and, in fact, the best issues in the market down to new low levels. At the decline the market became dull and no really good buying came to the support of prices.

In Baltimore and Ohlo the price dropped 1½ per cent under the underwritten limit. The preferred stock yielded in sympathy with the common and the inside support was most perfunctory in character. Pennsylvania railroau and all Es recently acquired interests, such as Southern and Norfolk and Western, sold off substantially. The short interest was enabled to cover at a profit because of the liquidation and new short sales were noted at every feeble raily during the day. During the last hour the pressure was less pronounced than earlier in the day, and the market relapsed into extreme duliness.

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conference stewards be discontinued, and during the two years that they be allowed I per cent of the cash which passes through their hands; that a connectional council be instituted, to be composed of 'he bishops, all the general officers, and the presidents, secretaries and treasurers of all the boards and schools whose officers are elected by the general conference, who shall form the board of apportionment and make appropriations of the moneys of the following departments: Education, missionary, church extension, widows and orphans and contingencies.

This church has raised during the quadrennial \$1,382,364.76. A resolution for the relief of Livingstone College was referred.

The appropriations recommended are as follows: Bishops, \$18,000; Livingstone College, \$6,000; worn-out preachers, \$1,000; Star of Zion, \$1,000; general steward's shary, \$1,000; general secretary's salary, \$500; manager publication house, \$1,000; editor Sunday school literature, \$600; editor of the Quarterly, \$500; contingent fund, \$2,500; to the estates of diseased bishops, \$2,000; for the work in Chicago, \$5,000; total, \$39,100. | American Cotton Oil | Size | tersalls tonight. The battle will be the most important the sailor has engaged in since Jeffries won the decision over him at Coney Island last fall. Choynski never worked harder for a coming fight, and both men will go into the ring in nearly perfect.

Illinois Centra: 11892 11392 1 Louisville & Nashville & 181 1834 1834 1 Metropolitan Traction. 1834 1834 1 Metropolitan Traction. 1834 1834 1 Metropolitan Traction. 1834 1 tersalls tonight. The battle will be the Northern Pacific, pfd.... Pacific Mail..... Pennsylvania R. R. Phila.& Reading, 1st pfd osition that Choynski could not last the limit. It is 3 to 5 that Sharkey will be the winner of the encounter. Both men took their final preparation yesterday. When Sharkey goes into the ring he will weigh above 180 pounds.

Tom O'Rourke will arrive from New York tonight and will be Sharkey's adviser at the ringside. Sharkey will have Jack Root, Clarence Forbes, Harry Forbest and Bob Armstrong behind him during the fight. Bat Masterson of Denver arrived last night to attend the fight, and will hold the watch for Sharkey. Choynski finished his training at his home, at Lagrange. He took matters easy and will take on weight between now and the time of the fight. S. Leather, pfd......

Correction.—150 Lamston reported Yesterday "after call" at 12% soid at 12%, 20 Capital Traction reported as selling at 104% should have been 104%. District of Columbia Bonds.—3.6%, 1924, funding, 120 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Capital Traction 4s, 106% bid. 105% assed. Metropolitan Railroad cert. Indebt., 8, 110 bid. 105% assed. Metropolitan Railroad cert. Indebt., 8, 110 bid. Columbia Railroad cert. Indebt., 8, 110 bid. Columbia Railroad 2d mort. 5s, 111 bid. Washington Gas series 8, 6s, 115 bid. U. S. Electric Light deb. imp. 6s, 2105 bid. 10 sked. U. S. Electric Light cert. Indebt., 6s, 106 bid, 110 sked. U. S. Electric Light cert. Indebt., 6s, 106 bid, 110 sked. U. S. Electric Light cert. Indebt., 6s, 106 bid, 108% asked. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 104 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 104 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone con. 5s, 105 bid. American Security and Trust 4s, 100 bid. Washington Market lat 6s, 112 bid. Masonic Hail Association 5s, 106 bid. American Graphophone deb. 5s, 100 bid. Metropolitan, 635 bid. 700 asked. Central, 109 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 210 bid. Second. 160 bid. Chitsens', 160 bid. 170 asked. Central, 109 bid. Erarmers and Mechanics', 210 bid. Second. 160 bid. Chitsens', 160 bid. 175 asked. Celumbia, 160 bid. Capital, 147 bid, 160 asked. Westland 160 bid. Capital, 147 bid, 160 asked. Westland 160 bid. Capital, 147 bid. Second. Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 30 bid. Franklin, 41 bid, 50 asked. Metropolitan, 75 bid. Affington, 1440 bid, 184 asked. German-American, 210 bid. Railrond Evolumbia, 12% bid. 15 asked. Columbia Title, 4% bid. 5 asked. Washington Title, 3% bid. 4% asked. District Title, 35 bid. 48 asked. Columbia Title, 4% bid. 5 asked. Mashington Title, 3% bid. 48 asked. District Title, 35 bid. 4 asked. Columbia Title, 4% bid. 5 asked. Mashington Title, 36 bid. 48 asked. District Title, 35 bid. 48 asked. Columbia Citly and Suburban. 27 bid. 30 asked

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